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Re: Edwards for President: FEC Id. No. C00384073, October Quarterly Report

Dear Ms. Palmer,

This is in response to your letter requesting additional information pertaining to the above-listed report of Edwards for President (the Committee). The following sections are headed to address the issues raised in your letter.

Contributions:

You have requested additional information on the reattribution, redesignation or refund of certain contributions that are so marked in your request. The Committee has reviewed the contributions noted by you and is providing the following information. Because this response must be filed electronically, a copy of the Committee's report and checks will be provided under separate cover, but ask that they not be placed on the public record for the contributors' privacy and financial protection.

With respect to twenty-nine (29) of the contributions noted, the Committee made inadvertent attribution mistakes. In each of these cases, the Committee received a contribution from a joint checking account or a joint credit card contribution on the Internet and did not split the contribution correctly between the joint account holders or the wrong portion was attributed. Unfortunately, due to our data entry errors, the contributions appeared to be excessive when they were not. These are the contributions from Balisok, Beard, Bishop, Blitz, Broadus, Caminiti, Covington, Dearie, Drivon, Ferrer, Feldman, Fitzgerald, Gallina, Gilcrease, Kynard, Lambert, Landskroner, Liapakis, Maxwell, Murphy, Netherland, Parker, Sakalaris, Saltman, Sokolove, Tamez, Vanderginst, Vittoe, and Wood. Amendments of previous quarterly reports will be filed to correct the public record pertaining to twenty-seven (27) of these contributions. The remaining reattributions will be reflected on the Year End Report. Copies of the checks will be provided. In the cases of Joslin, Nance and Sokolove, after the attribution error was corrected, there was also an excessive contribution. The refunds for these three contributors will be reflected on the Year End Report. Again, copies of the refund checks will be provided under separate cover.

In one case, the Commission has confused two different contributors with the same name. The contributions from John Collins are from two separate individuals, at two different addresses, and with two different occupations and employers. We will provide these checks.

You also noted two different \$1,500 contributions from Meredith Bluhm, which, combined, resulted in excess of the \$2,000 maximum permitted. Due to an inadvertent data entry error, this one contribution was recorded twice under Meredith Bluhm's name. Another contributor, Leslie Bluhm, also contributed \$1,500, but her name was recorded as Meredith Bluhm in error. The result is one \$1,500 contribution by Meredith Bluhm, and one \$1,500 contribution by Leslie Bluhm. The error has been corrected, and we will file an amendment that corrects the record of the Bluhm contributions.